

# WORLD 2 IN CAMDEN AS SAFE ROBBERS

Are Accused of Looting American Stores Branches and Butcher Shop

## FIND BURGLARS' TOOLS

Suspicion aroused by the discovery that two men had hidden money by sewing it in their trousers led today to the charge that they were the safe crackers who rifled two safes in Camden two weeks ago.

The alleged crackers are Carl Barker, of 439 Avenel street, Camden, and Harry Griffes, of Twelfth and Federal streets, Camden.

They are accused of breaking open the safe in the American Stores Company branch at Twelfth and Federal streets and stealing \$123, and of taking \$200 in Liberty bonds from the safe of Conrad Glitsch, a butcher, at 207D Federal street.

After these two robberies, police made little headway in their search for the thieves until a few days ago attention was called to the two men at West Berlin, N. J. Captain J. M. Ames, of the Pennsylvania Militia police, had been warned that a man had been acting suspiciously about the West Berlin station.

It is said that Barker and Griffes went there, but, upon seeing watchers, ran away. They were later taken into custody as suspicious characters. A search showed that Griffes had \$250 sewed in the pocket of his trousers. Barker had \$20 hidden in the same way.

Detectives King and Painter, of the Camden Police Department, now say that they have found tools belonging to the two men which link them with the two safe robberies, and may connect them with other thefts in Camden. Griffes and Barker were held in \$1000 bail for the Grand Jury today by Recorder Stackhouse.

Camden's tax rate for 1922 is ten cents higher than last year when the rate was \$2.70. The Camden County Board of Taxation yesterday fixed \$2.80 as the rate for this year. Most of the increase is made necessary because of increases in the operations of the city's schools.

Members of the Tax Board expect to announce the rates for the various county places Thursday.

Arraigned in Camden Police Court yesterday on a charge of stealing a bicycle, Harry Gross, twenty-two years old, of 720 Sycamore street, Camden, told Recorder Stackhouse that he borrowed the wheel and that somebody had stolen it from him. The bicycle belonged to Joseph Morris, of Haddonfield. Gross was held under \$500 bail.

The monthly report of the Camden Board of Health shows a slight decrease in contagious diseases. Influenza, diphtheria and chicken-pox are in the majority. A total of 131 cases were reported for the month ending yesterday. There were 134 cases reported last month.

Judge John B. Kates, of the Camden Common Pleas Court, is finishing his last two weeks in that office by disposing of a large number of criminal April cases. Judge Kates retires on April 11. He will be succeeded by Attorney Samuel M. Shay, whose appointment was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate last week.

Camden police are looking for the owner of a stolen automobile which was abandoned yesterday at Knight's foundry, near Cooper River. The car bears a New Jersey license number 65,658.

Mayor Ellis yesterday appointed Thomas Welch, twenty-seven years old, of a large number of the city's police force to succeed Julius Bosch, who died several days ago.

**HISS OPERA DISTURBERS**  
Part of Audience Too Noisy at Renovation of "Andrea Chenier"

Persons of radical tendencies in the gallery of the Academy of Music at last night's rendition of "Andrea Chenier" caused repeated disturbances during those portions of the opera in which the French Revolution theme comes most prominently to the fore.

In the chaotic scene, when much breaks in upon the drawing room of the aristocrats, there was an outburst of clapping from the Reds, Pinks, and representatives of other political tints assembled on the heights.

Again, when the strains of the "Marseillaise" crept momentarily into the musical throng, there was another salvo of unusual approbation from the group, so long continued that they had to be hushed down by the long-suffering audience.

The "Marseillaise," it must be explained, is associated in the common mind with freedom, revolution and revolt, and is therefore to be applauded.

**\$500 FOR PRISONER**  
Reward Offered for Alleged Murderer in New Jersey Jail

Sheriff Clark, of Gloucester City, N. J., today received word from the Des Moines authorities that George Wagner, now in the Gloucester County Jail at Woodbury, is wanted in that city on a charge of murder, and that a reward of \$500 is offered for his capture.

It is also known that he is wanted in Kansas multiply for robbing the United States mails, and he has confessed having escaped from the Missouri State Prison, and having helped four other prisoners to escape.

Wagner has expressed the wish that he be sentenced here first, in connection with the robbery of a railway train at Paulsboro, N. J., and that the demands upon his time be deferred until some later date.

The rewards offered will go to the police officials of Gloucester County if he is turned over to the proper authorities. The police have intimated that they would probably be taken West at an early date.

**CITY HOSPITAL BIDS CLOSE**  
Philadelphia General to Erect Two Buildings at Once

The bids for the two buildings to be erected at Thirtieth and Pine streets for the Philadelphia General Hospital were exceptionally close. The lowest bid for the residence building for interiors was \$282,357, by Mitchell Houseware, Inc. E. J. & J. R. Whelan were second with \$285,002. This building will be of brick, three stories, 117 by 105 feet.

The lowest bid, \$154,077, for the home for attendants and domestic help, The W. Mark Construction Company was only \$25 higher. This building will be two stories, of brick, 35 by 38 feet, with two wings, 88 by 37 feet. Philip Johnson, architect, prepared the plans.

## Engaged



MISS FRANCES WALLACE STEEL, Daughter of Mrs. Robert Wallace Steel, of Hamilton Court, whose engagement to Mr. Berkeley V. Hastings, of Milton, Pa., is announced. The wedding will take place early in June.

## TO TAKE GOLDIE HOME

Father of Attempted Suicide Still Here Awaiting Her Recovery

The condition of Goldie Michael, twenty-two-year-old girl, of Delmont, Pa., who is in the Jefferson Hospital after making an effort to end her life by taking poison, remains unchanged. Her father, Abraham Lincoln Thompson, summoned to the hospital yesterday by a message that his daughter had only a short time to live, is waiting in hope that she will be able to accompany him to their home in the country during the next few days.

Goldie Michael disappeared from her home at Delmont nearly two years ago. When her father reached her bedside yesterday, she told him that since her disappearance she had worked in a factory. She left home a short time after her marriage to a coal miner, Wilbur Michael, from whom she will endeavor to get a divorce. A few days ago she took poison while in the washroom of a local motion picture theatre.

## TWO MEN ARE INJURED IN CHEMICAL EXPLOSION

Suffer Severe Burns in Seventeenth Street Plant

An explosion of chemicals used in the processes of dry-cleaning occurred at 10 o'clock this morning at the plant of A. F. Hornot & Co., French dry cleaners, Seventeenth street and Fairmount avenue.

George Costan, of 141 South Eleventh street, and Oscar Cantance, 1518 North Mallon street, were engaged in mixing large quantities of the chemicals when the contents of the container exploded.

Both men were badly burned about the head and arms.

**15 AUTOS REPORTED STOLEN**  
Fifteen automobiles were reported stolen in the last twenty-four hours. That brings the total for the week thus far to thirty-nine. Those reporting thefts today and the value of the automobiles are as follows: Joseph Goodman, 731 Franklin street, \$150; Gulf Refining Company, Widener Building, \$550; George Miller, Somerton, Pa., \$300; Charles Komolau, 225 Ridge avenue, \$250; Stanley Landis, Longton and Oak Lane avenues, \$450; Gustav Witt, 1008 West Allegheny avenue, \$600; Milton Rogansky, 225 North Park avenue, \$450; Frank Rompiss, 1217 Mastice street, \$225; John Blackwood, 1232 Vine street, \$1000; P. Gillison, Vine-lane, N. J., \$500; Norman Jameson, 5155 Oxford street, \$3000; C. V. Haynes, 1716 Sanson street, \$2500; George Levy, Mount Holly, N. J., \$750; Clifford May, 1729 North Stillman street, \$2245; and Federal Coal Company, Twenty-fifth and Federal streets, \$500.

**Mrs. Rosier to Be Tried April 10**  
After a conference in the District Attorney's office yesterday, attended by Mr. Rotam, Maurice J. Spierer, his assistant, who will prosecute the case, and John R. K. Scott, counsel for Mrs. Catharine Rosier, it was announced that she would be tried before Judge Davis, in Room 453, City Hall, on Monday, April 10.

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# PROBE CONTINUES IN MODEL'S SUICIDE

Worcester Girl Declares Larsen Poured Poison in Pauline Clark's Drink

## WAS JEALOUS, SHE SAYS

District Attorney Thomas C. O'Brien, of Boston, announced today that he was awaiting Medical Examiner Magrath's report on the suicide party, in which pretty Pauline Clark, artist's model, killed herself by drinking poison in her apartment in the Back Bay district. Otto Halvor Larsen, who attended the party, later killed himself by drinking from the same phial.

"There is no evidence now, however, that would warrant further investigation," said the District Attorney, "but the case is not closed."

Mr. O'Brien stated emphatically that Bayard Wharton, son of Henry Wharton, Chestnut Hill, to whom it is said the model was engaged, was not under suspicion of the poisoning.

Miss Anna Cossick, of Worcester, Mass., who attended the party asserts that Larsen, enraged by jealousy over the announcement of the model's engagement, poured poison into the girl's drink and then committed suicide.

"Mr. Wharton, Sr., Misinformed"  
Replying to the assertion of Mr. Wharton, Sr., that his son was not engaged, Miss Cossick said:

"Mr. Wharton was in Philadelphia and not at the party. He has a perfect right to make any statement he chooses, but I fear he has been misinformed."

"Pauline was chock-full of enthusiasm," never downhearted or depressed," said Cossick. "She never uttered one word of had one thought of suicide, and that night she was radiantly happy. She had just told us of her coming marriage to Bayard Wharton and was as light-hearted as a child."

"The party was held for the purpose of announcing the engagement. We were there to celebrate that very thing. Her announcement that she was to marry Wharton on Saturday came as no surprise to any one except Larsen, and everybody but him was happy and contented."

"Wharton himself appeared rather embarrassed and Larsen for a moment flew into a rage. The marriage plans were freely and fully discussed and Bayard Wharton accepted a smiling part of the discussion. There was nothing said about any possible objections on the part of Wharton's people against his marrying Pauline, but the fact that they were 'big' people in Philadelphia was mentioned."

Was "Quiet Party"  
"Pauline gave Larsen to understand that evening that she could not meet or see him again, and for the remainder of the evening up to the time of the tragedy he sulked."

"It was a quiet party, the same as you would have in your own home. We danced and sang and during a dance Pauline injured her ankle."

"Regardless of what Wharton says, he and Larsen often called upon Pauline together, and they both had been suitors for her hand. Pauline told me that night that Wharton had won her and showed me the wonderful ring she was wearing."

"She told me quite frankly of how congenial Wharton was, how he came from a great American family, how she had known him a long time and how far differing he was from Larsen. And I was glad, and all the friends at that party were glad that happiness was at last in sight for her."

"Pauline never complained about her life, and yet I gathered that she had not been happy. This engagement which she so suddenly announced seemed a wonderful solution to her difficulties. I never saw any so-called orgies at

# BRIBERY CHARGE IN M'CONNELL CASE

Allegations Made That Witnesses Were Approached in Rum Proceedings

Attempts were made by persons interested in the case of William C. McConnell, former State Probation Director, to bribe and intimidate certain witnesses subpoenaed before the Grand Jury to tell what they knew of activities of the former dry chief, it was reported today in the Federal Building.

It was said an investigation would be made and arrests would follow. Government officials said they had not heard of attempts to bribe witnesses.

That such attempts were made was not denied by T. Henry Walnut, former Assistant United States District Attorney, who was dismissed from office on the eve of presenting to the Grand Jury evidence against McConnell and other politicians.

"I would rather not discuss that at this time," said Mr. Walnut.

Attorney General Daugherty refused at Washington to discuss the "airing" of Walnut, intimating that there would be developments in the case before Friday, when the Grand Jury reconvenes, which would help to clear up the case. He would not confirm the impression that this meant the indictment of some of those mentioned by Walnut.

In other quarters it was learned that the airing given the Walnut dismissal had made it virtually impossible to hush up the prosecution.

The Attorney General took a personal hand in the ousting of Mr. Walnut yesterday by calling District Attorney George W. Coles to Washington for a conference. Mr. Coles left for Philadelphia immediately after the conference.

Although the Attorney General refused to give the details of his conference with Mr. Coles, he said he was now convinced that the storm of protest which has arisen over the ousting of Mr. Walnut was due to a misunderstanding.

"The whole thing started from a misunderstanding and I think that developments within the next few days will clear up the matter," he said.

The Attorney General said it was his impression Mr. Walnut was a Democrat, and that Democrats were given a preferred status when resignations were in order. He emphatically declared that Mr. Walnut's removal would not affect the vigorous prosecution of the McConnell case.

## FIGHTS FIRE SINGLE-HANDED

Watchman, Overcome, Falls Across Window Sill and is Rescued

Joseph Smith, watchman at the Anderson Woodworking Company, 1631-35 Ludlow street, rushed into the office of a fire on the third floor shortly before midnight, fought it single-handed until the engines arrived, then collapsed across the window sill and was rescued.

The firemen then turned their attention to keeping the flames from spreading. They confined the fire to the upper stories. For a time other buildings on Ludlow street were threatened. The damage has not been estimated, but is expected to be heavy on account of valuable hardwood destroyed.

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# FIGHTER HELD FOR ASSAULT

Thomas Love is Alleged to Have Seriously Injured Chester Man

Thomas Love, a pugilist, 731 Cherry street, was turned over to the Chester County authorities today following a hearing before Magistrate Coward. Love is charged with assaulting Edward H. Oliver, of Chester.

Love is said to have had an altercation with Oliver, who is the son of a former Sheriff of Chester County. The two men are said to have fought at the Acme Club, Sixth and Wall streets, Chester, where Love, it is alleged, seriously injured Oliver. Love was arrested by detectives, and will be held pending the outcome of Oliver's injuries.

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